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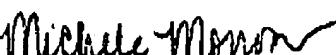
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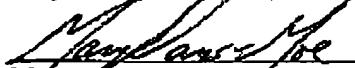
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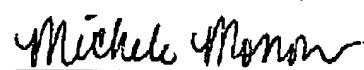
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In response to the Office Action of January 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include a proposed new sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An Appendix including a proposed new drawing figure is attached following page 19 of this paper.